

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested. Claims 1-28 are pending and allowed; and Claims 7 and 13 are amended by the present amendment.

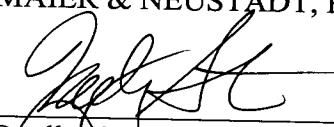
Changes to Claims 7 and 13 address minor informalities. Thus, no new matter is added.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that (1) the scope of the claims has not been changed by the present amendment; (2) no additional search or examination is required; and (3) the claims are allowable for the reasons stated in the Notice of Allowance of June 20, 2007.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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